

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: A PROCESS FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF A PROTECTING AND IMMOBILIZING

ELEMENT OF THE MATTRESS-LIKE TYPE, AND ELEMENT SO OBTAINED

ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of September 19, 2002 applicant hereby elects without traverse the invention of claims 1-7 inclusive directed to a process for the manufacture of a protecting and immobilizing element of the mattress-like type.

With respect to the Election of Species Requirement applicant hereby elects without traverse the species disclosed in figure 7 and additionally the species shown in figure 8 for the prosecution on the merits. The claims readable on the elected species and the subspecies in addition to generic claim 1 are claims 2-5 inclusive.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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